

# Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
—Alex. H. Washburn

## Reds Take Licking in Italian Election Good Farm Outlook

As I write this the teletype is busy with the results of the Italian election, held Sunday. A bulletin reports that the Communists lost by more than two to one—which confirms one well known observer's prediction that the people of Italy are 60 per cent against Communism.

We presume, therefore, that the agents from Moscow have gone down to defeat. Several factors account for it:

1. The Roman Catholic church made an all-out fight to save its home soil from being engulfed in atheistic Communism.

2. Italians were made to understand that if they voted for alliance with Russia (obvious meaning of a Communist regime in Rome) they need expect no economic aid from America.

3. But the greatest factor of all has still to be mentioned—this was a free election. And Communists don't do so well when they haven't control of the police.

Italian police and troops were on hand, but only to see that people weren't prevented from going to the polls.

It was a different story. The Reds grabbed the police and military first, knowing that in any free election the Czechs would have defeated them.

So the Italian vote is a great stimulus to our confidence in democratic procedure—especially since the people who were voting have been ravaged by war, are individually hungry, and virtually pros- trated as a nation.

But even to such people there is neither faith nor hope in the Communist regime.

Communism, with its hard core of cynicism and atheism.

In a report from Washington Sunday the Department of Agriculture predicted the outlook for American farm products is relatively good for the next 25 years.

And this, the department added, includes allowances for "some slackening of business, as well as reduction in foreign demand."

This is very good news, indeed. But farmers will, if they are wise, do just what every sound city business man is doing—avoid crippling long-time commitments in case there is a break to lower levels of value.

I do not interpret the federal department's statement to guarantee the fact that, in such a break, what the government economists mean is they believe there will be a pretty consistent demand for farm products for some years to come.

And the man who doesn't plunge recklessly into business when he has no idea where there will be, always, and that's where personal mistakes are found out.

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Taxpayers May Only Enjoy Brief Harvest in Tax Cut

By JAMES THRASHER

Thus far we haven't run into anyone who isn't delighted at the prospect of paying no more income tax, or no tax at all.

At the same time there seems to be a tendency to look this welcome and attractive gift horse in the mouth.

For the future is not so unpredictable but that it suggests that the house may have a brief life expectancy.

The pros and cons of tax reduction have been argued at length in the last couple of years. A lot of good reasons have been advanced for cutting them—most of which fall down on the basis of fact.

One of the reasons we could do something more economically constructive with our money than pay these tremendous income taxes.

At the same time there is a whopping national debt to be paid off. And the potential danger that more spending money might add to inflationary pressures can't simply be brushed aside.

Most important, perhaps, are the emergencies now unforeseen or, if foreseen, not acted upon.

Unless Soviet-American relations suddenly become suffused with sweetness and light, or unless our opposition to a pugnacious Russia is to consist only of words, this country is going to have to spend some money.

The ERP spending may be the beginning. If we rebuild our forces into a first-class military arm, and construct ships, and fill out the ranks of the Army, and step up our military research program, it will take a long time to use up that \$4,000,000,000 that has been tacked off the tax bill.

It took considerable time for President Truman's part to call attention to some of these unpleasant facts of financial life. In an election year of general prosperity such talk amounts to political heresy.

Your average politician would no more object to tax reduction in a general election year than he would object to the sanctity of the American home or the institution of motherhood.

Yet there is the lurking suspicion that maybe this isn't the ideal time to cut taxes, after all.

So maybe it will be wise to plan on a short harvest season in the financial field. Let's have fun with our extra money, or be prudent with it. But let's not jack up our standard of living or embark on any grandiose ventures with the assurance that our net incomes are

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## John L. Lewis Held Guilty of Contempt

Washington, April 19 —(AP)—John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers were found guilty of contempt of court today for flouting a court's stop-strike order in the coal mine walkout.

Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who made the ruling in U. S. District Court, put off passing sentence until tomorrow. He hinted strongly he is thinking of a jail term for Lewis.

In his ruling, Goldsborough decided:

1. There was a strike and Lewis called it in effect by using a "code." Lewis had contended there was no strike.

2. Lewis and the union are guilty of both civil and criminal contempt of court because they did not obey the coal mine walkout promptly after an April 3 court order for the strike to stop.

Lewis sat with a sneer on his face while the judge announced his ruling. After the court session was over, he refused to talk with reporters.

Goldsborough did not require bond from Lewis. He asked Wally K. Hopkins, attorney for Lewis, for a personal guarantee that Lewis will be in court at 10 a.m. (EST) tomorrow morning for sentence.

Hopkins gave that assurance. Goldsborough can impose almost any punishment on Lewis and the union. The limit, under Supreme court rulings and precedents, is that it must be within "sound reason." That limit comes from the constitution's bar against "cruel and unusual punishment."

In a 1946 case when he found Lewis and the union guilty of contempt, Goldsborough fined Lewis \$10,000 and the union \$3,500. The Supreme court cut the union's

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## Negroes Plan Boycott of Draft

Washington, April 19 —(U)—Two Negro leaders today disclosed plans for a "civil disobedience" program and a boycott of a draft by Negroes unless racial segregation and discrimination in the armed services is ended.

Grant Reynolds, a wartime army chaplain, said he will not register or serve in a "Jim Crow" army or draft and will seek pledges from other Negroes to do the same.

Reynolds is chairman of the committee against Jim Crow in military service and training. He testified before the House Armed Services Committee.

Reynolds told the committee that if his anti-segregation proposals are written into the draft law he will withdraw his opposition and will re-enlist himself.

Rep. F. Edward Hebert, D., La., told the committee after Reynolds' testimony:

"In advance copy of this statement was sent to the Krenlin I am sure there is great rejoicing in Russia today."

A prepared statement by A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL), also was submitted to the committee. He said he soon will map plans for a Gandhi-like campaign of non-violence and civil disobedience with the purpose of ending segregation in the armed forces.

Somewhat similar statements were voiced previously before the Senate Armed Services Committee by the two men. Several Negro organizations disavowed the statements, and Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., said that if Randolph persisted in his program he might lay himself open to "treason" charges.

Reynolds took Morse up on today and said he hoped Morse would continue with such criticism until "every Negro in America is thoroughly convinced that our destiny as a minority lies in our own hands."

Reynolds said that his organization has ordered 100,000 buttons which state, "don't join a Jim Crow army." He said the buttons would be sold outside the White House and the capitol.

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## Supreme Court Legalizes 1750 Divorces

Little Rock, April 19 —(AP)—The Arkansas Supreme Court today legalized an estimated, 1,750 divorces it previously had invalidated.

At the same time the court declared that it had erred in ruling that the law which granted the divorces did not exist.

The decisions were contained in a 5-2 opinion reversing the court's Jan. 12 holding that a special division of a chancery court here was unconstitutional and that its actions were without color of law.

The only portion of its Jan. 12 decision the court did not reverse was that the legislature had no authority to name Mrs. Ruth Hale as chancellor of the special division.

It ruled in effect that the special division of the court existed now without a chancellor, and that Mrs. Hale's findings were those of a judge in fact prior to the Jan. 12 decision. It held that her actions were without color of law.

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## UMW Officials Silent on Court Ruling

Pittsburgh, April 19 —(AP)—Local officials of the United Mine Workers received here with cautious silence today word that John L. Lewis had been found guilty of contempt of court.

John P. Busavell, District 5 president of the UMW at Pittsburgh said:

"No comment this morning. Let's wait until tomorrow."

Today is the date set for Washington sentencing of the union and Lewis is president.

Frank Hughes, District 3 president at Greensburg, Pa., said:

"No comment. About all our men are back at work."

A spokesman for one UMW local which was still idle commented:

"I don't know what will happen now. We're not working yet and it looks as if we won't."

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## 3 Powers to Open Europe Conference

London, April 19 —(AP)—The British foreign office announced today that the United States, Britain and France will open a new series of talks tomorrow on the future of Western Germany.

The Benelux countries—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—will be represented at the talks by the British, French, Dutch and Luxembourgish ambassadors to London.

The three occupying countries first met on the problem of Germany nearly two months ago. Out of the talks came agreement that Western Germany should have a major role in the European Recovery Program, for international control of the Ruhr and for ultimate establishment of a federalized Germany.

Russia was not represented at the talks.

American, British and French military governors of Germany will sit in on the conference, which will be private.

One of the chief objectives of the talks is a merger of the French with the combined American and British zones of occupation.

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had lengthy conversations with the French and British Prime Ministers. Attlee on collaboration in Western Germany for halting the spread of Communism.

Bevin retorted in detail on the work of the European Recovery organization and the fact that the recently-formed Western European alliance in building machinery for political, economic and military collaboration.

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going to be permanently higher. One thing seems reasonably sure. If we need to build up the country's defenses in November as badly as we need to now, every taxpayer should feel more comfortable if Congress votes money to strengthen them—even if it means that the government will be taking a big bite out of our pocket-books as it is today.

## GOPs to Pick Keynoter for Convention

By The Associated Press

Republican leaders met in Philadelphia today to decide on a keynoter for the GO national convention. And in the Ohio battle for convention delegates, Harold E. Stassen made ready to open his campaign as Senator Robert Taft returned to Washington after a busy weekend in his own state.

Stassen's name was mentioned for the keynoter post, but those of Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan and Eugene E. Millikin of Colorado appeared to be high on the list.

Senator S. Hallahan of West Virginia, chairman of the convention arrangements committee, said it might take two days for the 32-member committee to make a decision.

Sides Vandenberg and Millikin, others mentioned include Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois and Senators Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. of Massachusetts, Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska and Raymond M. Baldwin of Connecticut.

In Ohio, Stassen is challenging Taft for 23 of the state's 52 convention votes.

Taft told a news conference in Cleveland Saturday he has a "serious fight" on his hands in the May 4 primary. But he added that "things look generally favorable."

Stassen, in New York after a trip to Florida, said he expects to win the Florida primary but added it "too early" to predict the outcome of the Ohio voting on the same day. He plans to begin his Ohio campaign Wednesday.

The Idaho Republican convention elected 11 national convention delegates Saturday but did not indicate them how to vote. Party leaders said a majority favor Dewey. A young Republican group, backing Stassen, placed only one delegate. The delegation will vote in a unit.

New Jersey will name its 35 GOP and 36 Democrat convention delegates tomorrow. The Republicans will be committed to Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll as a "favorite son."

Frank Hague, New Jersey Democratic leader, has called for a large primary vote to show enthusiasm for whom he called the "outstanding candidate for the presidency, Harry S. Truman."

Three times more men have coronary heart trouble than women.

## Reclamation Plan Unlikely to Be Passed

Washington, April 19 — (AP)—For the present, at least, the reclamation bureau has been backed up to the 98th meridian.

Senator Fulbright (D-Ark) says there is little likelihood there will be sufficient time in the present session of Congress to fight down an anticipated filibuster against his bill to extend the reclamation laws to Arkansas.

He told a reporter he does not intend to drop the matter, though he may have to wait for the new Congress.

The reclamation law was designed for use in the semi-arid states and its application was limited to the area west of the 98th meridian. This includes the 17 western states.

Fulbright said he had anticipated opposition from Senator Overton (D-La) who, through long association with the army engineers, is satisfied they can do anything necessary in the way of water control. He was unprepared for objections from Senator Downey (D-Calif.).

Downey says his first objection was to giving any more scope to the reclamation bureau under its present direction.

He accused the top personnel of the bureau, in his Senate speech against the Fulbright bill, of "corrupt, inefficient and wasteful acts."

He said in an interview that, even if the personnel to which he objects should be changed, he is now convinced that the Arkansas development should be a part of a basin-wide plan and, since it is in the Mississippi basin, the engineers should continue to have full authority.

He thinks the objective sought by Arkansas can be accomplished by other means.

## Congressmen Cold Toward Controls

Washington, April 19 — (AP)—President Truman's springtime appeal for inflation controls got the same generally frosty reception in Congress today that his November plea did.

In fact, the chill was more noticeable in some cases, particularly among the Republican majority.

"I think the chances for the president's program are even slimmer now than they were last fall," said Senator Bridges (R-NH) put it this way.

"The possibility of any action now is absolutely nil," said Senator Wherry (Neb.), acting Republican leader, insisted that "the domestic economy picture generally has improved since last fall."

And Senator Capehart (R-Ind) commented: "the president must have had his tongue in his cheek when he said inflation is getting worse."

Mr. Truman said that Saturday night in addressing the American society of newspaper editors.

He said "the plain fact is xxx that our economy is in serious danger as a result of high prices and inflation." He asked for action now on the ten-point cost-of-living program he laid before the special session last November 17.

Congress shelved most of it, including a request for standby power to restore wage-price controls and rationing on a limited basis.

Mr. Truman said the program was found when presented, still is sound, and "even more necessary now" because of such things as the billion dollar foreign aid program, and plans for big new military preparedness spending.

"Our domestic economy has been dangerously neglected. It should be neglected no longer," the president said. He added:

"Only if we preserve the soundness of our economy, through prompt and adequate measures to control inflation, can we contribute our full share to a peace in which freedom and democracy will be secure."

## RAF Styles Exposure Suit for Airmen's New Look



Flight-Lt. F. Latham, left, puts on the new deflated exposure suit designed for downed airmen and being tested at the RAF experimental station in Farnborough, England. Once on, the suit, which weighs only 12½ ounces when folded, is inflated by the wearer. At right, Latham floats comfortably as he demonstrates the buoyancy of the waterproof suit, which is insulated against cold.

## New Stamp Honors Heroic Chaplains



Honoring the four heroic chaplains who went down with the U.S.S. Dorchester, this stamp will be released in Washington May 28. The four chaplains are, left to right, George L. Fox, Clark V. Poling, John P. Washington and Alexander D. Goode.

## Market Report

POULTRY AND PRODUCE  
Chicago, April 19 — (AP)—Live poultry steady; receipts 22 trucks; prices a cent a pound lower to a cent higher for July 34, leghorn; 45; broilers 46-47; fryers 45-46; broilers 38-42 old roosters 18; old roosters 18; ducks 26; heavy ducks 26 small ducks 26.

Butter nervous; receipts (two days) 732,176; prices unchanged to 2-1/2 cents a pound lower: 93 score AA 80-81; 92 A and 90 B 81; 89 C 80.

Eggs unsettled; receipts (two days) 46-48; prices unchanged: U. S. extras 70 pct and up a 46-47; 60-69.9 pct a 45-46; U. S. standards 42-44; current receipts 42; dirties 40-45; checks 39.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK  
National Stockyards, Ill., April 19 — (AP)—Hogs, 21,000; barrows and gilts 1.00 to 1.25 lower than Friday's average; fairly active at 46-47; 60-69.9 pct a 45-46; U. S. standards 42-44; current receipts 42; dirties 40-45; checks 39.

Cattle, 3,500; calves, 1,000; opening trade active and strong to 50 higher than last week's closing; good and choice vealers 1.50 higher on good and choice; other grades steady to 1.0 higher; several loads medium to top good sellers, 26.50-29.50; one load average and top good steers 30.00; good heifers and mixed yearlings 26.50-28.00; common and medium 23.00-26.00; good cows 23.00-24.00; common and medium 19.00-22.00; canners and cutters 15.00-19.00; medium and good sausage and good beef bulls 22.50-24.00; good and choice vealers 25.00-34.00; common and medium 16.00-27.00.

Sheep, 300; active, strong to unevenly higher; good and choice woolled lambs 25.50-27; top 25.75; some merely medium and good woolled skins 23.50 part deck No. 3 skins 23.50; few spring lambs 28.00; aged sheep firm; part deck good and choice fat ewes 12.00.

NEW YORK COTTON  
New York, April 19 — (AP)—Cotton futures advanced to gains of about \$1.50 a bale by new season's highs in early trading today, but later reacted on profit taking and hedging. There was a fair amount of liquidation in nearby May and switching into later deliveries, affecting first notice day April 27.

Cotton futures rallied sharply into new high ground in late trading on broad trade buying and short covering. Futures closed 70 cents to 82.35 a bale higher than the previous close.

May high 38.00 — low 37.61 — last 37.98-38.00 up 36-38  
Jly high 37.35 — low 36.91 — last 37.31-35 up 43-47  
Oct high 33.80 — low 33.50 — last 33.72-75 up 20-23  
Dec high 32.00 — low 32.72 — last 32.97-98 up 17-18  
Mch high 32.80 — low 32.54 — last 32.80 up 21  
May high 32.44 — low 32.27 — last 32.30 up 14  
Midmonth spot 32.72N up 25 N-nominal.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS  
Chicago, April 19 — (AP)—A burst of selling around mid-day in the day left grains with a weak tone today.

The market opened higher on accumulated overnight orders. Prices held around the opening levels for the first two hours, when selling expanded. Corn was hit hardest and the May contract fell 7 cents from its earlier high. A mild recovery then started.

Earlier strength was based on a lack of rain in the Southwest and short-covering in feed grains. Selling and weakness developed when hog prices dropped under the weight of heavy receipts, indicating a curtailment of feeding demand for corn.

Wheat closed 1-2 to 2 cents lower, May 32.50 1-2-3-4, corn was 2 to 3 cents lower, May 32.24 1-2-1-4, oats were 3-4-1-2 lower, May \$1.16 1-4-1-16, and soybeans were unchanged to 21-4 higher, May \$4.00.

Trading in cash wheat followed futures action up and down today; basis unchanged; receipts 38 cars; corn was lower with the futures; basis unchanged; bookings 30,000 bushels; shipping sales 15,000 bushels; receipts 149 cars. Oats were unchanged to two cents lower; basis unchanged to one cent lower; receipts 49 cars. Soybeans receipts were four cars.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON  
New Orleans, April 19 — (AP)—Cotton futures rose to new high prices



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Do You Have Noisy Neighbors?

A lot of the neighbors were suddenly annoyed by Jeb Crowell's hammering at night. Jeb was building himself a new front porch—and the only time that he could give to it was after sundown.

Finally we decided the best thing to do was all pitch in and help—and get the carpentry over with as soon as possible. We did. Finished the porch next evening—and Jeb gratefully treated us to ice cold beer and cider.

From where I sit, that's what being a good neighbor means. In

stead of complaining about the other fellow's habits, try to understand and share his interests.

So if my practicing on the flute annoys you, come on over, neighbor, with your fiddle or guitar and join me! Maybe it will end up in our knowing and appreciating one another better... in an evening of good fellowship. And I'll promise to provide the beer that goes with evenings of good fellowship!

Joe Marsh

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## Women Spend Years Shopping Experts Say

New York—AP—Women spend about a quarter of their lives shopping, says Evan M. Frankel, commercial designer. That equals about 17 years for American housewives, on the basis of the latest mortality tables.

"The average woman who cannot afford a decorator follows the trend she notices in stores," Mr. Frankel says. "If a rag, drapery fabric, plaster ornament, or furniture setting used for store decoration strikes her fancy, she will copy it for her home."

## Glamour Girls Take a Big Brushoff

BY BETTY CLARKE

AP Newsfeatures Beauty Editor American women can take a leaf from their English cousins and brush, brush, brush.

The English girl, always carefully, if not expensively groomed, owns a wardrobe of brushes that will keep her hair and skin from becoming too much for her.

Brushes for the complexion for the bath, for the nails and even for toe cuticles are selected with care. She may select a curved body brush and a non-skid hand and nail brush but even with these novel features, she will make sure that the brushes are long-lasting and skilfully assembled into a good brush.

In selecting any brush, your main concern should be durability and fiber content. One good brush will last a lifetime and outlive twenty cheap brushes.

There are available again the natural boar bristled toothbrushes and hairbrushes; the hairbrushes designed by Kent has removable pristles which can be replaced when worn out, without having to throw the brush away. To perk m'lady's vanity the brush contains a perfume pad, which can be saturated with a favorite perfume.

Here are some tips from experts on how to prolong the life of good brushes.

Always hold a hairbrush by the handle without touching the bristles; wash it in tepid soapy water, not soda; don't dry it in the hot sun nor in strong artificial heat.

Nail brushes should not be placed in boiling water, should be placed in disinfectant, so that the water can drain off.

Toothbrushes should never be placed in strong disinfectant; they should be hung up vertically to dry. It is better to have two toothbrushes in use, one for morning and one for evening, so that you always have a dry, stiff brush.

New York—(AP)—Deaths from the childhood diseases, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and diphtheria in the United States are only about one-sixth as frequent today as they were 10 years ago.

BACKACHE  
For quick comforting help for Backache, Rheumatic Pains, Getting Up Nights, strong cloudy urine, irritating passages, Leg Pains, circles under eyes, and swollen ankles, due to non-organic and non-systemic Kidney and Bladder troubles, try Cystex, today, complete satisfaction or money back guaranteed. Ask your druggist for Cystex today.

NEW YORK STOCKS  
New York, April 19 — (AP)—The stock market resumed its upward push today reaching another new average high since last October.

Considerable irregularity prevailed most of the session. Demand was active, however, for some of the aircrafts, oils and other industrial stocks. A number of large blocks changed hands, and some sharp price gains registered. Several pivots which previously ignored the rise came to the fore along with rails in the final hour. Although some closed under their best, gains ranging to more than a point predominated. Transactions totaled around 1,600,000 shares.

Touching new 1948 highs, some on wide jumps, were Plymouth Oil, Warrent Petroleum, Pure Oil, Huber, Radio Corp., and New York City Omnibus. Others holding fair gains included Standard Oil of Ohio, Curtis-Wright, Douglas Aircraft, U. S. Rubber, Goodrich, American Smelting, Phelps Dodge, New York Central, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Distillers Corp., and Oliver Corp. Laggards were General Motors, Cerro de Pasco, J. I. Case, Westinghouse Electric and Union Carbide.

Bonds were mixed.

## Italian Election Will Be Important Decision Between Russian Bloc, Democracies

By DEWITT MACKENIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Tomorrow and Monday will rank among the momentous days of the cold war between the Russian bloc and the democracies, for it is then that the anxiously awaited Italian national election is to be held.

Indeed, we may well find that this is one of the decisive engagements of the global conflict, for it is likely to determine whether the Western nations have the Bolshevik advance stopped along the present battle line across Central Europe.

Should an aggressive communism, bent on world conquest, manage to gain control of strategically located Italy as a base for further operations, it would be a disaster of the first magnitude for the democracies.

There is only one broad issue, and that is totalitarian communism versus the freedom of democracy.

Some 29,000,000 Italians are entitled to vote, and experts predict a heavy turnout. Some observers believe 85 percent or more may go to the polls—barring very bad weather or unforeseen machinations of the Reds to terrify the populace. They will elect a new national legislature, under a system which is a form of proportional representation.

Some months ago the Communists were showing great strength under leadership of Palmiro Togliatti. They figured then that the Communist party together with other leftist parties would roll some 40 percent of the votes, thus giving them the balance of power in parliament. However, the Reds have been slipping since then, until the Christian Democratic party, under Premier De Gasperi, and the other Rightist parties, now claim they will have sufficient strength to form a government in the new parliament.

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'Ox House' Is Language of Today  
AP Newsfeatures Cincinnati—it may come as a surprise but our word "alphabet" is to be believed, we are using the "ox house" system of writing.

Our alphabet descends from ancient Egypt of some 3,000 years ago by way of the Semitic people of the Sinai Peninsula, says Dr. Edward A. Henry, University of Cincinnati librarian and authority on the history of writing and printing.

Phoenician sailors carried this alphabet to the Aegean basin and the Greek people of that area. These Semitic people used as their first written character the picture of an ox head which was called "alpha." The Semitic word for ox, "alphan," conventionalized, so that when the Greeks took it over as their letter alpha, they did not know it was the word for ox, from this arose our letter "A."

"The second picture sign was that of a house which was called "Beth," the Semitic word for house. This sign, conventionalized, became the Greek beta and our "B."

Hence it appears that our word alphabet really means the ox house system of writing.

Fels usually remain hidden during the day and feed at night on animal food.

racy — dictatorship versus free men. Involved, of course, is a fiercely aggressive Red atheism which is bent on destroying religion. For this reason the Catholic church will be in the first line of battle and will be a powerful influence, for almost 100 percent of Italy's population is Catholic.

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# Social and Personal

Phone 768 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Social Calendar

**Monday, April 19**  
The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist church will have their regular monthly meeting Monday, April 19 at the home of Mrs. Arvill Hickman, 402 South Fulton Street, at 7:30 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. W. I. Stroud and Mrs. John Keck and Mrs. E. L. Morrison. Devotional will be given by Mrs. S. A. Whitlow.

**Tuesday, April 20**  
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday, April 20 at the V.F.W. Hut at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

**Tuesday, April 20**  
Mrs. John P. Vesey and Mrs. R. T. White will entertain with a tea from the hours 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. White, 220 North Washington Street, Tuesday, April 20.

**Wednesday, April 21**  
There will be a meeting of Adult workers of this District of the First Methodist church, in Prescott, Wednesday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon in the First Methodist church in Prescott.

The First Methodist church Choir will have Choir Practice at the church, Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE**  
The American Legion Auxiliary meeting scheduled to meet April 20 has been postponed until Tuesday, April 27. Members please notice and be at the meeting April 27.

**Wednesday, April 21**  
The Brookwood P.T.A. will meet at the School at three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. All mothers are urged to be present.

The Lilac Garden Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Sutton at three o'clock with Mrs. Marion Buchanan and Mrs. Mark M. Smyth co-hostesses.

Miss Margie O'Neal becomes Bride of Kenneth Powell.  
Miss Margie Miriam O'Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. O'Neal of this city became the bride of Kenneth Powell, son of

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schooley also of this city in a double ring ceremony Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

The impressive ceremony was read by the Reverend D. O. Silvey at the Garrett Memorial Baptist church before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli and ferns.

The bride who entered alone wore a light blue wool crepe suit with black accessories and her shoulder corsage was of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Lyle Allen, matron of honor chose a printed silk dress with gray suede accessories and a corsage of yellow gladioli.

Miss Frances Cornelius was maid of honor and she wore a royal blue gabardine suit with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Lyle Allen served the groom as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a vacation trip to Shreveport, Louisiana after which they will make their home in Hope where they are employed.

The bride is a graduate of Hope High School and has been employed in the city. The groom, a graduate of Hope High School was recently discharged from the army where he served eighteen months, including overseas service in Japan.

**Coming and Going**  
Mrs. M. M. Hosmer of Kensett was week-end guest of her son, Mr. George Hosmer and Mrs. Hosmer here.

Joe Arnold Irvin, of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas was week-end guest of his sisters, Mrs. Milan Green, Mr. Green and son, and Miss Mary Frances Irvin of Hope and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Irvin in Ozark.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Jr. of Arkadelphia were among the out-of-town guests for the O'Neal-Powell wedding here Sunday and also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Sr.

Lt. Lillian Fore, with the Army Nurses Corps of Tokyo, Japan, will arrive today to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. McCain.

**Hospital Notes**  
Julia Chester  
Admitted:  
Mrs. Lola Allen, Hope.  
Foy H. Hammons, Rt. 2, Hope.

Branch  
Admitted:  
Mrs. L. A. Sinclair, Rt. 1, Hope.  
Baby Richard Steed, Rt. 2, Ross-ton.  
Cyborn Flowers, Hope, Rt. 1.

**Josephine**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Samuels, Rt. 3, Hope, announce the arrival of a daughter on April 17, 1948.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Knott, Rt. 2, Lewisville, announce the arrival of a son on April 18, 1948.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burns, Patmos, announce the arrival of a

**Mrs. Mary Wellborn Succumbs at Home of Daughter Here**  
Mrs. Mary Addie Wellborn, aged 86, died Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Bert Chamberlain of Hope. She is also survived by a son, B. L. Wellborn of Hope.  
Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Herndon-Cornelius Chapel by the Rev. J. E. Cooper.

daughter on April 19, 1948.  
Admitted:  
Mrs. Fannie Breed, Rt. 3, Hope.  
Harrison Yokem, Glevins.  
Mrs. Lewis A. Knott, Lewisville.  
Mrs. J. D. Burns, Patmos.  
Discharged:  
Mrs. David Waddle and little daughter, Rt. 1, Emmet.

**The Innocent Impostor**  
By Renee Shann  
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**THE STORY:** Charlotte's performance is a tremendous success, but her costumes are so scanty and her dances so daring Patience decides neither aunt must see the show. During the interval, Roger introduces Patience to his friends; a remark on her astonishing resemblance to Charlotte. Patience longs for Paul. After the show is over, Roger escorts her backstage.

**XIX**  
Paul watched Patience disappear up from his seat. He'd first looked at her from the stalls and seen her there in the box above him he'd told himself he must be dreaming. And then that it wasn't of course Patience at all. It was someone very much like her. But she was with her. She'd made a quick little movement with her hands.

Or yes, it was Patience all right. He knew those little gestures. Only before a Patience he'd never seen so lovely. True that time he'd seen her on the train she'd seemed transformed by her new clothes. But tonight in that clinging chiffon dress, with her hair done in that new way—why, tonight she was ravishing! And what the devil was she doing with a fellow like Roger Dickson? How in the name of fortune did she meet him?

Suddenly it struck him that it must have been Dickson she'd been with that man at the station. He'd seen her at the train. He'd probably not have recognized him. He'd tonight had not the people he was with pointed him out. He wasn't up on stage celebrities.

They had gone out through the pass door. Paul wondered if they were attending the party he'd heard a little group of people in the bar discuss during the interval. It was taking place on the stage after the show.

He wished to heaven he knew someone in the company so that he could take an invitation. He'd rather like to confront Patience and ask her what the dickens she thought she was doing.

A thought occurred to him. He might gate-crash. Of course, it would be extremely embarrassing if he did, but he'd had a hunch he'd come up to him and asked his name and inquired from whom he'd received an invitation. But at a gathering like that, was this in the least likely to happen? He'd been to stage parties before. There was always such a crowd and invariably so many people that he'd heard of haphazard invitations that no one knew who was supposed to be there.

The more he thought about it, the better the idea seemed to him.

Funny, when he had first seen Patience sitting in that stage box, he'd not wanted even to speak to her. He'd been so damned angry that he'd told himself he never

## Peabody Radio Award to KXAR Received by R. L. Mitchell, Manager, From Edward Weeks, Editor of the Atlantic Monthly



New York, April 15 — Edward Weeks (right), editor of the Atlantic Monthly and chairman of the Peabody Radio Award, presented a certificate of George Foster Peabody Radio Award "for outstanding public service by a local station" to Robert L. Mitchell, general manager of Station KXAR, Hope, Ark. Ceremonies were held at Hotel Roosevelt April 15.

**Clubs**  
4-H Club Organized  
A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. Aaron on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a neighborhood 4-H club for the boys and girls of Shover Springs.

The following officers were elected for the club: President, Jimmy Mullins; vice-president, Delbert Aaron; Secretary, Martha Ann Sanford; reporter, Mary Ann England; Girl Safety Chairman, Helen Matthews; Boy Safety Chairman, Charles Byers. The local leaders are: Mrs. Howard Sanford and Otis Fuller.

There were 27 members who enrolled in the club, and several others who are expected to join soon.

The club will meet on the 4th Friday night of each month. The meeting date will fall on the 23rd this month.

**Baker**  
A party was planned by the members of the Baker Home Demonstration club, in observance of Home Demonstration Week, at the regular meeting at the home of Mr. J. W. White on April 9 at 2 p.m. The party is to be on the lawn at the home of Mrs. T. B. Fenwick. The party will be from 10 to 12 p.m. on the date to be announced later.

Everyone was requested to attend the county council meeting at the City Hall on April 20 and to bring pajamas for the Crippled Children's Home.

Mrs. Fenwick gave some suggestions on fitting furniture to the rooms, and the landscaping to the Mrs. J. B. Hargis, reported 11 gardens planted, 24 fruit trees, 77 rose cuttings, 1 dozen shrubs, and 200 bulbs planted.

The meeting at home Chairman reported that Mrs. Joe Daugherty had purchased a new washing machine; Mrs. W. L. Anderson and Mrs.

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE**  
**CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK**  
OF HOPE IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 12, 1948 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U. S. REVISED STATUTES

ASSETS		Dollars	Cts.
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	1,236,700.58		
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.	2,390,000.00		
Obligations of State and political subdivisions.	1,291,793.00		
Corporate stocks (including \$11,250.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	11,250.00		
Loans and discounts (including No overdrafts)	484,735.80		
Bank premises owned \$10,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$500.00 (Bank premises owned are subject to No liens not assumed by bank)	10,500.00		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,305,379.38</b>		
LIABILITIES		Dollars	Cts.
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	2,789,386.57		
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	1,471,206.71		
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	84,897.50		
Deposits of State and political subdivisions	401,926.36		
Other deposits certified and cashier's checks, etc.	5,493.00		
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>5,552,809.14</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,552,809.14</b>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		Dollars	Cts.
Common stock, total par \$125,000.00	125,000.00		
Surplus	250,000.00		
Undivided profits	270,379.38		
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>655,379.38</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>6,208,188.52</b>		
MEMORANDUM			
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	578,000.00		
State of Arkansas, County of Hempstead, ss: I, C. C. Spragins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
C. C. Spragins, Cashier.			
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1948 My Commission expires July 10, 1951.			
Correct - Attest: N. T. Jewell R. M. LaGong, Jr. O. A. Graves Directors			

## DOROTHY DIX Husband - Snatchers

Dear Miss Dix: I am a well thought of young woman in my thirties and am in love with a married man whose wife refuses to divorce him. His wife is a respected and nice person, but I feel she is only a hag to continue living with the man I want. She knows about our affair, but seems utterly unimpressed and continues to hold her head high, and she and her sons ignore me with perfect graciousness.

I make insulting remarks about her to my friends and tell things about her that are not true, but I know my friends don't believe what I say, and this humiliates me.

Will you please write an article telling this woman that if she loves her husband as she pretends she does, she will divorce him, break up her home and go out of town with her married son, so her husband can marry me and we can enjoy a happy and wholesome life together.

**DESPERATE**  
Answer: If you think that you can establish a "happy and wholesome" marriage by stealing another woman's husband, breaking up her home and half-orphaning her children, you are making a fatal mistake. It is one of the things that can't be done, because those who go into marriage and make a success of it have to have clean hands and a clear conscience.

Feeling as you do, you should have cut your wisdom teeth and you know well enough how the world looks on the husband-snatchers. It rates them among the most dangerous of the petty thieves. No wife will see any beautiful romance in their husbands' little affairs with other women. So you deceive yourself if you think you

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**Young Daughter of Hooks, Texas Couple Dies**  
Bronie Sue Butler, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Butler of Hooks, Texas, died in a hospital Sunday night at Texarkana.

She is survived by her parents, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McKame of Hope, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler of Kosston, La., Mrs. J. M. Butler of Texarkana, John H. Butler of Hooks, Melvin of Rosston and Ruth, Edna, Kamie of Hope, three aunts, Mrs. Gilson Ross of Hope, Mrs. Roy White of Texas City, Carolyn Butler of Rosston.

Funeral services will be held by Herndon-Cornelius today at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church with the Rev. D. O. Silvey officiating. Burial will be near Bodewan.

**Mrs. Hattie Hines Dies at Her Home in Emmet Sunday**  
Mrs. Hattie E. Hines, aged 81, died at the home of a sister, Mrs. Ida Moore of Emmet, late yesterday.

She is also survived by two sons, R. M. Hines of West Monroe, La., L. E. Hines of Alexandria, La. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Emmet Methodist Church by the Rev. Joe Robinson. Burial will be in Snell cemetery.

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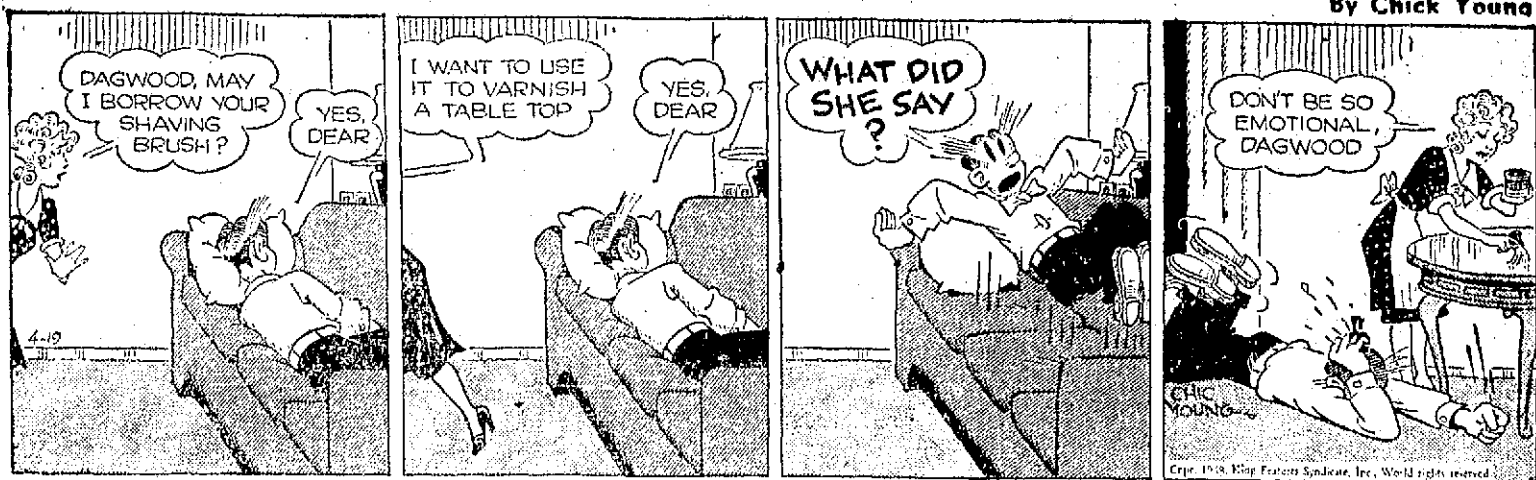
ASSETS		Dollars	Cts.
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection.	1,137,520.58		
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.	2,753,440.13		
Obligations of State and political subdivisions	195,951.18		
Stock in Federal Bank	6,000.00		
Loans and discounts	598,355.55		
Furniture and fixtures	1,341,316.32		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,691,316.32</b>		
LIABILITIES		Dollars	Cts.
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	2,683,000.00		
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations.	1,973,733.39		
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	73,551.70		
Deposits of State and political subdivisions	468,750.48		
Other deposits certified and cashier's checks, etc.	54,533.85		
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>5,850.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,347,450.19</b>		
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		Dollars	Cts.
Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00		
Surplus	100,000.00		
Undivided profits	143,866.03		
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>343,866.03</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>4,691,316.22</b>		
MEMORANDUM			
Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	100,000.00		
State of Arkansas, County of Hempstead, ss: I, Syd McMath, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
Syd McMath, Cashier.			
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April, 1948 My Commission Expires August 21, 1951.			
Correct - Attest: Lloyd Spencer W. Kendall Lemley N. P. O'Neal Directors			
RECAPITULATION			
RESOURCES		Dollars	Cts.
Loans	\$ 593,338.61		
CCC Cotton Loans	5,048.51		
Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00		
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	105,951.18		
Bonds and Securities	2,753,440.13		
U. S. Government Bonds	1,137,520.58		
Cash and Sight Exchange	1,341,316.32		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,691,316.32</b>		
LIABILITIES		Dollars	Cts.
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00		
Surplus	100,000.00		
Undivided Profits	143,866.03		
Reserved for Taxes	5,850.00		
Deposits	4,341,600.19		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,691,316.22</b>		
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS			
Lloyd Spencer	President		
W. Kendall Lemley	Vice-President		
Syd McMath	Cashier		
Gene Chamberlain	Assistant Cashier		
J. W. Franks	Assistant Cashier		
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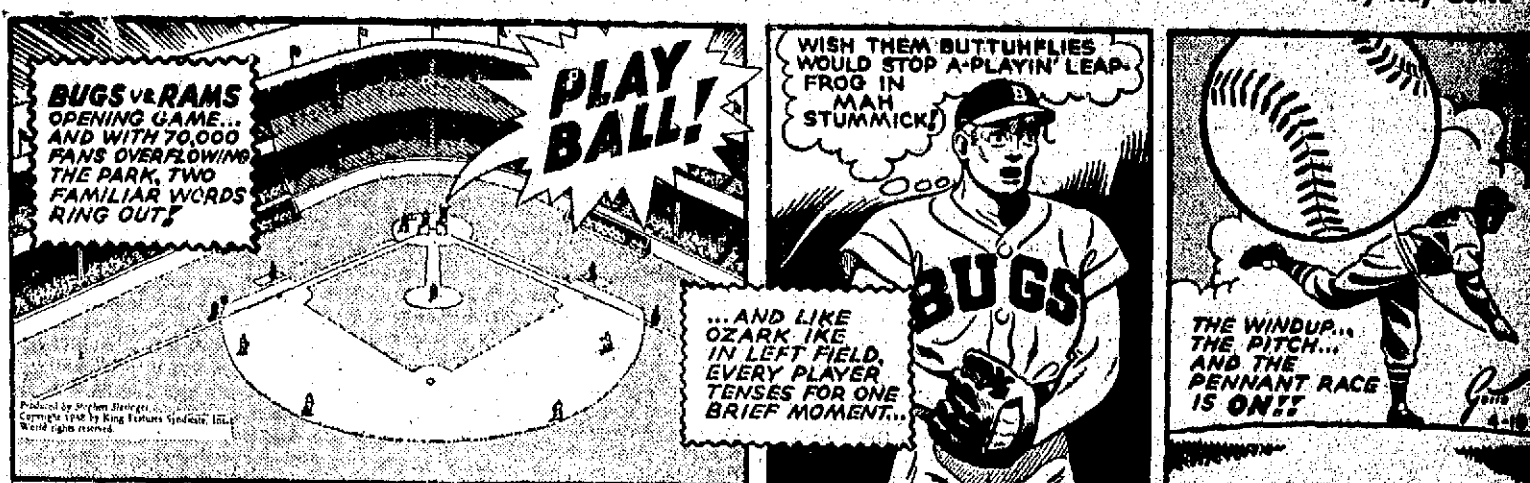
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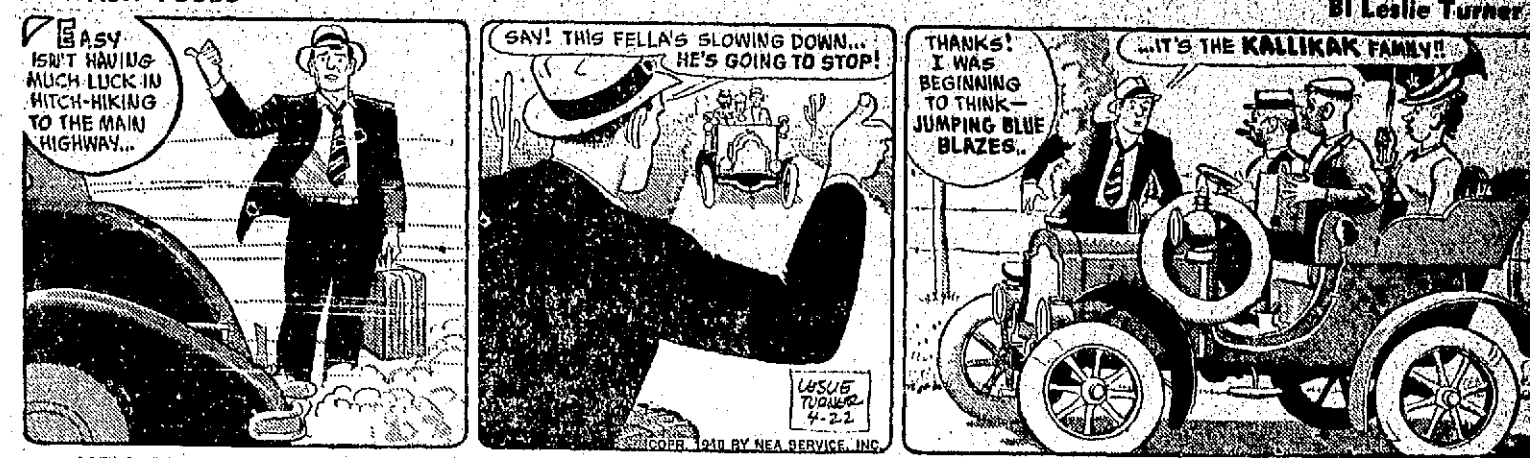
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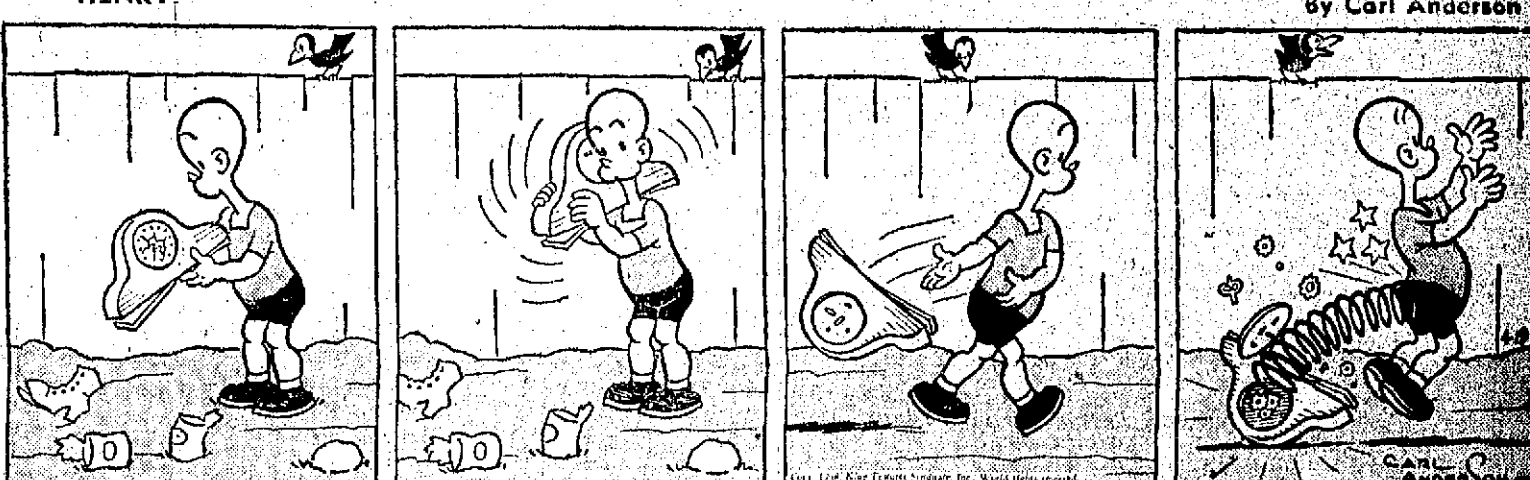
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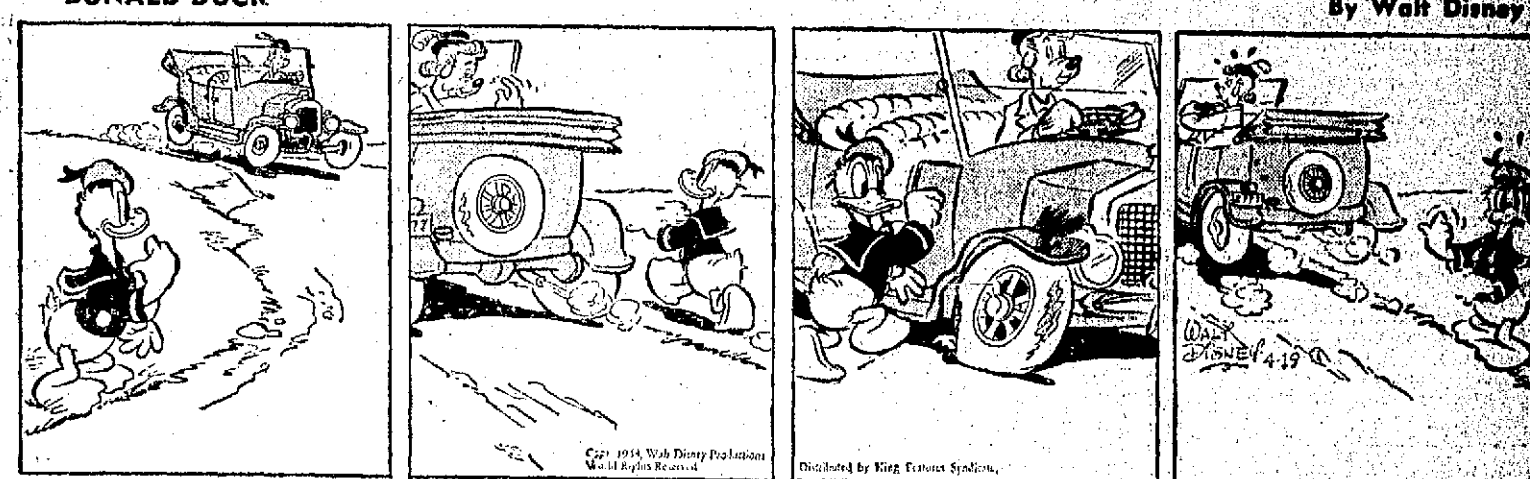
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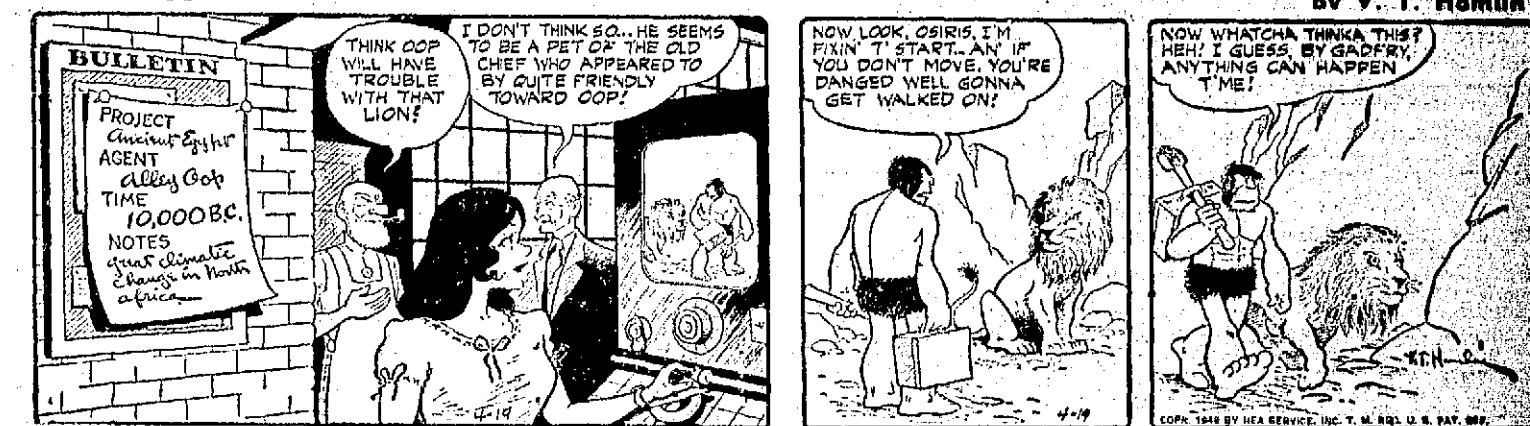
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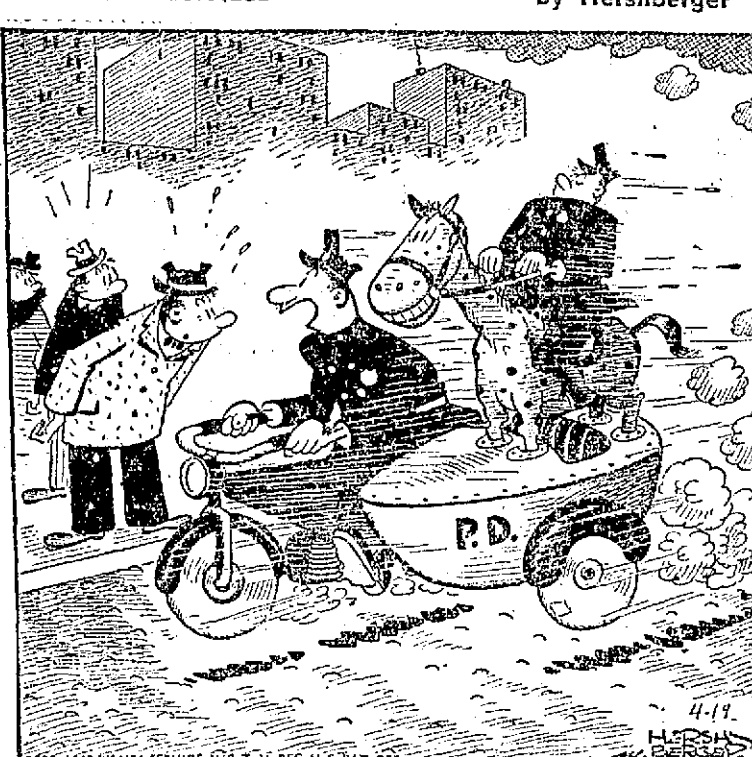
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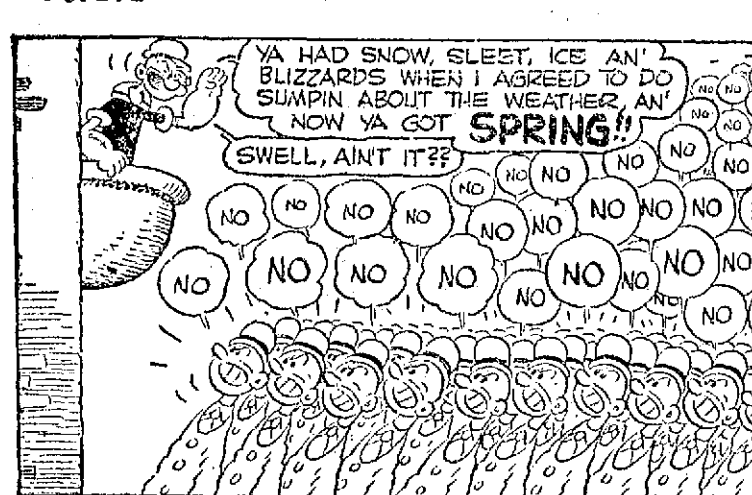


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OUT OUR WAY

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



RED RIDER

By Fred Harris





## England, After More Than 800 Years, Has Abolished Capital Punishment

By DEWITT MACKENIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

England, after a mighty struggle with her conscience over long generations, finally has decided through the medium of the House of Commons to abolish capital punishment for murder during a trial period of five years.

The vote for this notable experiment—245 to 222—came after a dramatic seven-hour debate over the question of whether to hang or not to hang—a penalty which has been exacted for some 800 years. The verdict represented a defeat for government views, though it wasn't a political reverse, since the Labor (Socialist) government, which had given the rank and file of its party the privilege of voting as they saw fit, and even permitted members with minor ministerial posts to abstain.

The conservatives, whose leaders were against abolitionism, also split and thus the issue became non-partisan, with Socialists and their personal friends voting according to their personal beliefs. The measure still must go through other stages in Commons and must pass the House of Lords, but the government already has accepted it as law by a majority of 100, who were about to go to the gallows for murder. They have received life sentences.

In the debate the government fought the measure on the grounds that it was essential for the protection of society and that abolitionism would increase homicides. Advocates replied with humanitarian arguments and a particular point was made by Socialist R. P. Davies, who cited cases in which innocent people had been hanged.

"Only God and the accused know the real truth," he declared.

"This isn't the first time, by any means, that an effort has been made in Commons to do away with hanging for homicide—a move, by the way, which doesn't affect the death penalty for treason, sabotage of the royal dockyards and piracy. Previously, however, the government has beaten down the proposal with its plea of necessity.

Renewal of the proposal now was, I suspect, partly a psychological reaction to all the bloodshed and hatreds which have attended the world war. The impulse was humanitarian and undoubtedly religion entered into it strongly, for England still remembers the commandment: "thou shalt not kill." The London Daily Graphic summed the debate up like this: "The British idea of justice, founded not on punishment but on mercy, shown through all the arguments in the House, and those who disagree with the verdict should draw satisfaction from the fact that in a world of relaxed standards Britain keeps her principles high."

The plea about the danger of a miscarriage of justice is a powerful one, since mistakes do happen in trials and an error can't very well be repaired after the condemned has taken the six-foot drop. So far as Britain is concerned, her mistakes probably have been very few in modern times, for my observation is that justice maintains a very high balance, and I've seen numerous murder trials there.

The accused is surrounded with far more protection than is provided in most countries. For example, it is forbidden for the prosecution to mention any previous misdeeds of the prisoner at the bar. He may have been convicted of all sorts of crimes but none of them may be cited until after the verdict is given. Then the judge may reveal the facts in evidence, conviction. And no newspaper or other publication may mention the previous sins of the accused during the current trial.

However, once a person has been convicted of murder he executes follows quickly—generally about three weeks. Appeals are handled speedily. Thus it by any chance the accused has been wrongly convicted, it's just too bad for him.

## Here and There in Arkansas

Fine Bluff, April 19 —(AP)—A diabolical celebration of the founding of Arkansas A.M. and W.M. College for Negroes here will open Friday.

The school was established in 1873 with seven students in a one-room building. Now it has a modern plant, more than 1,800 students and 110 faculty members.

Its president is Lawrence Davis who succeeded the late John Brown Watson four years ago.

Little Rock, April 19 —(AP)—This is "Bird Week" in Arkansas—and by authority of Act 83 of 1947 "suitable exercises are to be engaged in" by all public schools.

The Act created the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, State Board of Education and local education boards to provide for celebration of "Bird Week" during the third week in April in all schools.

Payetteville, April 19 —(AP)—Carl Herring of Jonesboro and the Jonesboro debating team won top debating honors at the annual high school speech clinic here.

Other winners: One-act play, Fort Smith, superior; reading, Billy Lehman, Fort Smith, excellent; Moore, Alton, and C. B. Green, El Dorado, all superior.

El Dorado, April 19 —(AP)—The body of R. A. Watkins, 74, of El Dorado, missing since last Dec. 3, was found in the Ouachita river Saturday afternoon.

Positive identification was made by Coroner T. E. Burton, who said death was due to drowning. Funeral services are to be held today.

Little Rock, April 19 —(AP)—Seven state departments have submitted tentative 1949-51 budgets for consideration by the Arkansas legislative council.

Comptroller John J. Trauener said budgets have been filed by the history commission, basic science board, board of cosmetic therapy, lieutenant governor, Arkansas territorial capital restoration, labor department and work-

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tions had full weight of law until that time.

Today's finding was on a procedure designed to validate the decrees issued by the Jan. 12 ruling. The supreme court held that the procedure was faulty but then added it had erred earlier.

The court had ruled that a 1947 act creating a second division of the (Little Rock) Chancery Court was unconstitutional. At the same time it held that all actions of that division were without force of law.

The January ruling was based on Mrs. Hale's appointment as judge of the special division by the legislature. The court declared that appointment of a judge was an executive function.

Mrs. Hale had been serving as master-in-chancery under Judge Frank H. Dodge in the first division of Pulaski Chancery Court in such capacity she previously had handled all domestic relations matters for him.

Following the January decision, Chancellor Dodge ruled that Mrs. Hale had functioned as his master-in-chancery while presiding over the second division. He adopted her findings and signed a decree she had issued previously. This action was the one before the supreme court today.

One of the dissenters to today's finding was Chief Justice Griffin Smith who wrote the Jan. 12 decision. Justice Frank G. Smith, dean of the bar, wrote the prevailing opinion today.

"When the unconstitutional provisions of the act are stricken, we have an office without a judge which may be filled in the manner by the constitution, but it is by appointment of the governor," the court said.

Arguments of the dissenting justices (on Jan. 12) x x convinced me that Judge Hale was a chancellor de facto if provisions of the (1947) act are separable.

"An attempt was made in this case to validate a decree of divorce rendered by Judge Hale. In my opinion it was beyond the power of the chancellor (Dodge) to do this. He could not by June pro tunc (now for then order) validate the divorce decree if it was invalid when rendered.

"Now the effect x x is to hold that these decrees were valid x x. The decree from which this appeal is x x is therefore affirmed not on the grounds that a void decree was cured by a nunc pro tunc order but is affirmed on the grounds that the decree was not void and does not require validation."

In a dissenting opinion to today's ruling, Chief Justice Smith reiterated his belief in the court's original stand and declared that "all of the arguments now advanced to overrule what was said to be sound reason for the determination that were made before the court and were rejected x x."

He added: "A substantial contingent of the vocal public has long felt that in matters affecting influential social political groups pressure from without can be brought to bear upon courts. The results of today's recantation and the swing from right to left will inevitably have the effect of accentuating this pre-supervisory untenable belief. From the hour the two (previous) opinions were handed down interested persons and their voluminous sympathizers have maintained a continuous and persistent barrage of propaganda against the law as interpreted by the court's majority. Few avenues of so-called 'approach' have been left untried. Now since the purpose these interests had in view has been achieved by means other than the judicial process, rightly or wrongly the result will be attributed to the unofficial court to private clamor."

Today's development indicated that Justice Frank Smith, Justice J. S. Holt had changed his mind. Justices E. L. McHany, Ed McFadden and Minor Millwee were dissenters to the original majority opinion but were members of today's majority. The chief justice and Justice R. W. Robins dissented today.

Little Rock, April 19 —(AP)—The Arkansas Supreme Court today upheld constitutionality of a 1937 state law permitting interstate compacts for supervision of paroled convicts.

It reversed a holding of Pulaski Circuit Judge Gus Fulk that a section of the act violated a prohibition of the U.S. constitution against suspension of the right of Habeas Corpus.

The high court directed Judge Fulk to dismiss a petition of Byron Edward Apple of North Little Rock for release from custody and to allow Pulaski Sheriff Tom Galloway to surrender Apple to Missouri authorities for return to that state.

Apple was sentenced to four years imprisonment in the Missouri penitentiary from Carter county, Missouri, April 23, 1935. The high court said that when he was allowed to return to Arkansas he signed an agreement with the Missouri parole board that his parole might be revoked without notice and that he would waive extradition for his return.

The parole was revoked Aug. 20, 1947, but Apple filed a Habeas Corpus petition in an effort to prevent his return. Judge Fulk granted the petition, but this action was overruled by the Supreme Court.

The high court reversed a decision of the Arkansas County Circuit Court, northern district, refusing to grant a writ of habeas corpus against W. M. Maier, from whom she purchased an allegedly defective water pump.

The lower court was ordered to submit the case to a jury for determination of Mrs. Price-Williams' damage.

In another case from Arkansas county the Supreme court quashed a judgment for \$1,500 obtained by Mrs. Bertie Carnes against C. L. McNutt in connection with what she said was a land purchase agreement.

The high court ruled no agreement was proven. A section of the lower court ruling dismissing the Dewitt cooperatives buyers association as co-defendant with McNutt was upheld. Both McNutt and Mrs. Carnes appealed the latter from the association dismissal and on grounds her judgment was inadequate.

TO GO TO HOLLAND — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt left Brussels this morning by automobile for Holland. She is to be a guest of the Dutch royal family.

## 25 Years of Employment Is Predicted

Washington, April 19 — (UP) —

Government economists believe the country will have 25 years of "relatively high" employment and prices — barring some unforeseen development.

The forecast was made in a special report to the House Agriculture Committee. It was prepared by the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In general, it appears reasonable to expect a relatively high level of employment over the 25 years ahead," the report said. "Strong forces also will be operating to hold prices generally, including prices received by farmers, well above the low levels of the 1930's."

Secretary of Agriculture Committee Chairman Clifford R. Hope, Kans., asked for the report to guide his group in drafting long-range farm legislation. The bureau said the agriculture outlook for the next five to 25 years seems "relatively favorable."

It added, however, that some drop in farm prices may be expected. The forecast on employment was coupled with a statement that agricultural prosperity is linked to the economic condition of the whole country. It listed several factors which, the bureau said, would bar a return to depression days.

High on this list were placed increasing unionization and minimum wage laws. Both, the report said, put a steady floor under wages and thus keep purchasing power relatively high.

The report also: 1. Predicted that better farming methods and increased mechanization will boost food output sharply

## Blonde Bets on Horse, Loses and Takes Own Life

Miami Beach, Fla., April 19 —

(UP)—Mrs. Catherine Adell Cohen, 32-year-old platinum blonde, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in the gas-filled kitchen of her home here Sunday and police said today she had committed suicide after losing \$15,000 in betting on horse races.

The negligee-clad body was found by a friend, Edward Ober. A note attached to the front door of the house by bobby pins read, "please phone the morgue or somebody, I am in the house dead."

The remainder of the note asked the dead woman's sister-in-law, Mrs. W. J. Mayo, to call Mrs. Cohen's husband, Mark Cohen of Sacramento, Calif., to tell him of her death.

"Tell him I bet on a slow-going horse and could not take it, so that is all I have to say," the note said. "Rate case was the name of the horse."

Rate Case ran eighth in the seventh race at Tropical Park Saturday.

An autopsy by Dr. Irving Albert showed Mrs. Cohen had died of carbon monoxide poisoning, and Miami Beach Police agreed her death was a suicide.

Police said their investigation convinced them the dead woman was "a victim of louts and bookies."

but a large part of the increase will be absorbed by an increasing population which should hit 174,000,000 by 1975.

2. Predicted the average workman will turn out about 50 per cent more goods in 1975 than he does now.

3. Warned there will be no balance on production and consumption of lumber until 1975.

4. Recommended research on better marketing and distribution methods as a means of bringing down retail food prices.

## Two Announce for High State Office

Little Rock, April 19, —(UP) —

An assistant U. S. district attorney moved into the Arkansas political picture today while another federal employee made plans to toss his hat into the ring.

Walter Pope, former Pocahontas city attorney and author of Pope's Digest of the laws of Arkansas, resigned as assistant U. S. district attorney. He will be a candidate for associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court in a three-cornered race involving Associate Justice J. S. Holt and R. R. Trimble of Clarendon.

Internal Revenue Collector Horace E. Thompson confirmed that he has told his employers he plans to resign, presumably to become a candidate for governor.

Thompson is quoted as having told his staff that the time and reason for his resignation will be announced later. However, he long has been mentioned as a leading gubernatorial possibility.

Under terms of the Hatch Act, which prohibits political activity by federal employees, Thompson cannot announce for governor until his resignation has been accepted by the Washington Internal Revenue Office.

These two developments highlighted an otherwise slow political

week-end. Despite the fact that the deadline for filing is only ten days away, others mentioned as candidates for governor continued to mark time.

Some 1,500 Americans who died in the Mexican War of 1847 are buried in a cemetery at Mexico City.

DAVS TO MEET — Little Rock, April 19 —(AP)—The Arkansas Disabled American Veterans convention will be held at Conway May 1-2 with national DAV Commander John L. Golob of Hibbing, Minn., as principal speaker.

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